

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF  
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2022

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Atkins, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jones, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Jackson (2).

The invocation was given by Mr. Hopkins, and Mr. Young led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Ronald Hardy came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Hello my name is Ronald C. Hardy. I reside at 720 Hope Street. I'm here to discuss a, one of your, well, let me get into the Shreveport Labor Day, Pre-Labor Day Blues Fest. But let me grab my notes here, because Jeff knows I'm a talker and I want to stay on point. Okay. First of all, I want to thank this body of the Caddo Parish Commission for granting us, Players and Playettes Incorporated, money to present our 11th annual Pre-Labor Day Blues Fest. We are grateful for your gesture. Very grateful. I also want to add to this, our first year, this is our first year of asking or receiving funds from this body. Now, everything is good, but it seems like there's been a monkey wrench thrown in your kind act. And I, we were first awarded \$20,000. Then, it was reduced down to \$10,000. Okay. I want to give you my insight, my insight regarding this matter, okay. First, I want to start with this music, this Labor Day southern soul blue, it might be not your, your, your or your, John, your or your interest. It's not mine either, but it's the people of Shreveport and I call them the indigenous transplanted people of Shreveport. This the people that are your City workers. The people that pick up your garbage. The people that your CNAs, you know. The people that are the band aide of the City. Okay. Now, sanitation workers and such and such. You know, they're the heart of our day-to-day living and, ironically, the festival is on Labor Day for your laborers. Now, like I said, we, this is our first year asking any money from this body and this concert, this event, it just doesn't serve Shreveport. It serves the Parish, because the same people are doing the labor and they love to come to this event. Now, give you a little background on our organization. We won the Governor's Art Award in 2004 for outstanding governors, our outstanding arts organization in the State of Louisiana. We were the first ones to accomplish any kind of award from the division of arts for any organizations in the state. So we've been on the forefront of innovating and programming and doing things. We stay rather low-key in terms of we do our work on the ground and make it happen from there. And so, and with this thing that really got me, was somebody made a mistake. That always usually happens to me. They sent me information that I didn't ask for. Okay. Got a letter from the one of your letters came from your commission here says they mixed this up with the Sports Authority. Okay. They gave the Sports Authority \$20,000. These people are multi-million dollar generating entity on their own. They got every pro come anything about sports and this and that. People come here Sports Authority gets some money. So, again, my question is like all this body of people up here is, you know, you work for the people. Yeah, we need money coming in, but lets take care of our people. You know what I'm saying? Let's take care of the people that's here. Now with that, this event, now I don't want to take too back in history before some of your times, but they've given groups that no track record. We have a proven track record. They've given people with pie in the sky ideas money. And the same little \$10,000 they give us as a group that does and this is a very important event for the workers here. And you know, let me get back to my notes because. When you see something working, why not support it? Okay. Instead of supporting things that have no way of working or just pie-in-the-sky ideas, pipe dreams. And trust me, the people see this too. They see what goes on and what happens and who gets what and don't get anything. And that's for them and their interest, because like I say this southern, so its not my music. It's not what I run to, you know. It's not what I-I just do it for the people. So, I, you know, again the people see what's going on. Our community lives on person and Bloomfield should be in communication. We've got to believe this event deserves an appropriation, yearly appropriation, for it's what it does and who it stands for and the people that like it, your City people. Okay, thank you.

Breeka Peoples came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Breka Peoples. I'm the founder of the People's Promise and the People's Promise Youth Division. My address is 9000 Walker Road, 71118. First, I would like to thank LBJ, Commissioner LBJ for inviting the peoples promise youth division to speak. We have a wonderful group of kids, teens that will lead this state by storm. Most of our seniors in the youth division have scholarship to Tulane, Harvard, Illinois of Chicago, Northwestern University, LSU and Yale. But let me get to why I'm here. I'm hurt because when black people get killed we get ignored. Because you all feel as if it's normal for black people to kill each other. You tell us to go vote. You tell us to go to the City Council meeting, but when we come to get laws changed you do absolutely nothing. When we ask for SPD, the City Council and the Parish Commission to help us you all sit on your hands and do nothing. When Somalia Little went missing, we needed our community leaders. I know the Commission was out of town that week. That's what I know. So, I'm not saying the Commission, but we asked our leaders to come helps us look for Somalia. Our government didn't make any proclamation. Our Mayor was silent and her kidnapers and killers are still free as of today. We here the cries of the screams of the mothers and the families of the victims in Shreveport, because they know our government and elected officials won't listen to us. They know that you don't listen to them and don't care. We don't

go to the police department because the police don't care and don't matter. It doesn't matter what the police. It doesn't matter. I'm sorry y'all. My nephew was walking from school. He was gunned down. He was walking from B.T. He was gunned down in the street like a dog and I didn't see anyone. We had to call an elected official there wasn't a rep in the area. My big sister asked me today, why her baby life didn't matter to y'all? I told my sister that my nephew life did matter and I would use all my power to make sure my nephew get justice. So, imagine that pain and anger when this particular baby get killed and there's outcries and outraged. But when our babies are killed senseless, nothing was said or done and that's not right. And if we're going to move the city forward, we all manage to get off their behinds and do something about it. Or the People's Promise will replace them by any means necessary. I'll use that same motto I used in Desoto Parish to get people out the seats. Jim Taliaferro, you label our kids at thugs. You sound like a dog catcher. Maybe if you lived in Caddo Parish and not Desoto Parish maybe you focus on Caddo Parish. Mario, I'm so disappointed in you and here's why. You didn't move when our people was getting killed, but you want to make laws in place now that a Caucasian baby was killed. My youth divisions are diverse youth division. I love all my kids the same and my kids are watching. They're asking me, why no one that's in leadership is doing something. No one. No one. We call y'all, nothing answered. Why didn't when Blacks was murdered in the streets. I'm very disappointed in my leadership and then when all said it done y'all going to have to answer to God. Because he going to ask y'all, what did y'all do for the Black community when they was killed? I'm so disappointed in my leadership. I don't even know what to do. All I know what do is organize and get you all out the seats. That's it.

### **ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that the Regular Session Minutes from April 21, 2022* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jones, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Special Resolution of Recognition & Appreciation for Coach Mack Jones* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson said that he visits the school often, unannounced, and everything was "neat as a pin". He is pleased with the campus and the professionalism of the staff.

Mr. Burrell expressed appreciation for everything that Coach Jones does for the school and the students at Huntington High School.

Dr. Wilson said that he is proud of Coach Jones through the school and through Stonewall Baptist Church.

Mr. Jones commended Coach Jones for his investment in the children.

Mr. Johnson thanked Coach Jones for all of his sacrifices to these young children. He commended him for all of his hard work in the young men of Caddo Parish, especially during their transition from being a boy to being a man.

Coach Jones thanked the Commission for honoring him today.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Jones, Johnson, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Hopkins, and Jackson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION COACH MACK JONES**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge with pride the accomplishments of those Northwest Louisiana sons & daughters who have gone forth to attain success and distinction in the various endeavors they pursue, especially when those endeavors enrich our community across generations, leaving an indelible mark, and

WHEREAS, NWLA Basketball icon Mack Jones added a new distinction to his remarkable career when he was named the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's Class 4A Coach of the Year for the 2021-2022 Season; and

WHEREAS, Jones began his career in 1988 while teaching at Butler Elementary and Coaching at Byrd High School, and by 1990, at 24 years old, he was offered his first head coaching job at Woodlawn High School where Coach Jones would go on to lead the Woodlawn Knights from 1990 to 2003 sending many players to Division 1 schools across the country, even coaching one of Louisiana's best, DeWayne Jones. Coach Jones - then took the helm of the Huntington High School program where he has led the Raiders to 10 District titles, six seasons with 30 wins, and 3 appearances in the Louisiana Top 28 during his 19 years with the program. With nearly 700 wins, a record of 697-326, Jones continues

to win by placing the importance on the impact of the sport on the lives of the players over simply winning; and

WHEREAS, Jones has a favorite saying that, "Everybody wants to go to heaven, but no one wants to die," and this quote's intended meaning to encourage commitment while being aware that losses sometimes happen took on a whole new meaning in the 2021-2022 Basketball season where the team started the year with - their standard goal of earning a slot in the state playoffs. The Raiders did just that, but the feel of the season was altered drastically with the tragic death of Junior star Devin Myers as the team was preparing for the 31d round of the playoffs. Coach Jones' long time focus on using the sport to build up the players was critical in providing support and shifting the teams goal plan to ensure that even at this crucial point in their season, that his players. needs were met in their lives beyond basketball; and

WHEREAS, the Raiders were blessed that Coach Jones had created a space with the right level of support for them to begin to process their emotions, to encourage them; and prayerfully guide them through the difficult times allowing them to advance to the semi-final round of the Boys 4A playoffs. Even as the team dealt with a season ending loss that was overshadowed by the personal loss of teammate Devin Myers, Coach Jones. assured them of the excellent playing and focus that earned them the right to be proud, hold their heads high, - honor the memory of their teammate and inspire their hometown community to dream beyond their grief.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 21st day of April, 2022, that it does hereby declare and proclaim April 22, 2022 to be

### **'MACK JONES DAY'**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in recognition and admiration of her notable achievements and distinguished leadership on their field and extending this influence to support a community in mourning, helping them to cope. with tragedy, maintain focus on their goals and prepare for a brighter future while honoring the legacy of those lost.

### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- Public Service Week Presentation

Dr. Wilson thanked the employees of Caddo Parish for their excellent work to the citizens of Caddo Parish. He invited all to attend the Employee Council Picnic on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Richard Fleming Park. Mr. Atkins agreed and commended the employees for all of their hard work in keeping the Parish running smoothly.

### **COMMUNIQES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Epperson addressed some of the issues that were brought up during Citizens Comments. He said that when he got out of the military, he mentored at the Juvenile Detention Center and brought those children to church, football games, etc. Mr. Epperson also talked about the litter campaign that Lt. Gov. Nungesser implemented, "Love the Boot, Don't Pollute". He also said that the violence that is being seen today is "nothing new". He talked about how Caddo Parish was the murder capital per capita in the United States in 1986. Mr. Epperson said that during his early tenure as Commissioner, he along with other elected officials, were able to broker a truce between the Bloods and the Crips. They were supposed to play a baseball game at Airport Park on Kennedy Drive, but the Sheriff's Office showed up with video cameras and started checking for outstanding warrants. Mr. Epperson also talked about the threats they received during the Drop the Guns program. He said that people were upset because they thought they were taking away their rights. Mr. Epperson also mentioned a young man that was killed, so they marched and had prayer vigils. The same thing is still happening, he said. Mr. Epperson pointed out that the Juvenile Detention Center is still operating on the original millage from 1958. He said that there are "donut holes of despair in the inner cities". There's something else that systemic that's causing these problems; and we don't want to sincerely and genuinely get down to the root causes, he said. Mr. Epperson challenged the media to do a disparity expose by zip code.

Mr. Epperson also mentioned that he was raised in Woodlawn Terrace Apartments, which was Belair Apartments when he was younger. He said that the apartments were the first subsidized apartments in the United States of America, and looked different than they do now. He also raised his children in the Cedar Grover neighborhood in the Eagle Eye Subdivision.

Mr. Epperson read into the record questions one of his constituents had regarding the proposed YMCA Baseball Complex:

1. How long was the plan in process?
2. Who was involved? Was school coaches involved?
3. Is the location in unincorporated areas of the Parish? Or is the location in the City

of Shreveport?

4. Why was Caddo Parish chosen first to seek funding?
5. How much funding are you requesting from the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish School Board?
6. When was the decision made to build a new Y in Forbing? Who was involved in that planning? Who administers the final decision?
7. What was the final cost of the Forbing Y to be built?
8. Why was the Y closed in Broadmoor?
9. Why was the Y closed on Hearne Avenue?
10. How much private funding has been secured for the proposed sports complex? If any, please name donors and amounts.
11. It appears as though Patrick Wesley is a strong advocate for this property. While he was employed as Assistant Director of SPAR, was he a strong advocate of the Y Sports Complex while he was working for the City of Shreveport to secure funding?
12. Were any entities or individuals, government or private citizens, informed of the proposal or invited to participate in discussions relative to the idea of the Sports Complex from West Shreveport or West Caddo Parish?

Situations such as this are the main perpetrator of donut holes, Mr. Epperson said. He asked that this information be provided to him by 2:00 p.m. on Monday.

- Mr. Young said that there is an amendment being considered today to support the Crime Lab partly through vaccination coordination and through Green Infrastructure funds. He said that he will propose an amendment to fund the Crime Lab entirely through vaccination coordination. The Green Infrastructure funds include a broad category of activities that can be done to harvest and control rainwater as it crosses the landscape. He also explained that the funds are also going to be used to produce plants, which will feed humans, and Caddo Parish has a 40% rate of chronic malnutrition.

- Mr. Jones announced that Compassion for Lives will host a symposium on Saturday, May 28 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Bilberry Park.

Mr. Jones said that Ms. Sharon Johnson messaged him about her son who was killed on October 11, 2021. She reached out to Mr. Jones to see if he could partner with him to seek justice for her son. Mr. Jones said that this boy, who was called Three, was a good kid and “not in the streets”. He was killed because he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Mr. Jones said that he is troubled with how quickly the anger is lost after an innocent life it taken.

Mr. Jones said that he lives in Cedar Grove, born and raised there. Cedar Grove used to be its own town, and he would like to see the neighborhood thrive like it once was. Mr. Jones said that Cedar Grove is full of seniors on fixed incomes. He said that these citizens are being impacted severely by the gunshots. There is no policy that can be put in place to get to the root causes of what it is feeding this type of behavior in our communities, Mr. Jones said.

He was “almost insulted” by the citizen who mentioned raising taxes to solve this problem “because someone in South Highlands was affected”. Mr. Jones would like the Commissioners and all elected officials to work together to prevent the senseless acts of violence. Answering a question from Mr. Epperson regarding the number of times the Parish went out for a Juvenile Justice millage increase, Dr. Wilsons aid that it failed five times.

Mr. Jones then talked about how he felt when he found out his brother was murdered. He said that his case wasn’t solved for three years. I have a personal commitment when it comes to victims and families of gun violence, he said.

- Mr. Burrell reported that Animal Services was able to capture a family of foxes, but no coyotes yet.

The other topic Mr. Burrell talked about was traveling to other cities, counties, and parishes to learn best practices that can be brought back to Caddo Parish. He said that he and some other Commissioners attended Legislative Day in Baton Rouge where the Governor talked about the Passenger Rail project.

- Mr. Johnson also talked about the Passenger Rail project. He said that it will connect Dallas to Shreveport to Meridian, and through Washington, D.C. The other Passenger Rail project connects Baton Rouge to New Orleans. He said that the Passenger Rail in North Louisiana is needed in here for economic development and job opportunities.

Mr. Johnson also told the story of a person who was ambushed at a stoplight with over 100 bullets in the doors. Prior to Mr. Johnson talking to the family of the deceased, no other elected official went and spoke to the family. He also said that there wasn’t any media coverage on it either. A prayer vigil was held. Mr. Johnson picked up the phone and called the CLO for that area and explained to them that someone needs to come talk to the family because they are upset. The detective on the case

told the CLO to wait until Monday before visiting the family. Mr. Johnson cautioned them that if they wait until Monday, someone will die over the weekend. Someone was shot on I-20 and Jewella, he said. The first shooting happened in the MLK area, and the second shooting happened in the Mooretown area. Regardless of where a person lives, shootings can still happen.

Mr. Johnson reminded the Commissioners that their main job is to legislate laws for law enforcement to enforcement. He said that there was curfew law passed with the City and the Commission, but he has not seen any data on it. Mr. Johnson feels that this is because the laws aren't being enforced.

He then talked about the cycle of property, property values, and the "donut holes" that Mr. Epperson spoke of. He said that those holes start out small and grow bigger and bigger. The property values diminish, so people come in and buy the property to become slum lords. Once the rent is raise, the tenants can no longer afford to live anywhere else. Once those people are kicked out of those areas, the landowners develop the property into something totally different.

Mr. Johnson said that the serious issues are homelessness, drugs, and illegal guns. He said that there is no reason for a person to drive around town with an AR-15 in their vehicle. He understands home safety, but not to just drive around with it. Mr. Johnson said that he will be putting legislation for the Commission to consider regarding stricter gun laws. He also said that there needs to be better job opportunities for the citizens.

He also mentioned that the person of interest was identified through a RING doorbell camera. Mr. Johnson also said that the citizens need to trust the people who are asking questions about the crimes. We got to think outside of the box, he said.

- The Commission Clerk reminded the Commission that the Intergovernmental Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. It will be held in the Independence Stadium Skybox, and the topic of discussion is the Disparity Study.

- Mr. Chavez believes that the people sitting around this horseshoe equally care about the citizens of Caddo Parish. He also talked about Three, who was mentioned earlier. He spoke with Crime Stoppers about his case, and they are going to investigate it.

Mr. Chavez also said that Schoolboard Member, Dottie Bell, is looking into some type of geofencing that will prohibit children from streaming videos or accessing social media during school hours on school campuses.

Lastly, Mr. Chavez recognized all of the hardworking teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Atkins thanked Mr. Burrell and Dr. Wilson for attending the Foster Grandparents Program.

Mr. Atkins talked about the four components to law enforcement. The Legislators create the laws; law enforcement enforces the law; third step is prosecution; and the final step is whether that person is innocent or guilty.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

The President of the Commission opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the following ordinances:

- *Ordinance No. 6226 of 2022, an ordinance to authorize the Administrator to execute a pipeline servitude and right-of-way agreement with Magnolia Midstream Gas Services, LLC, regarding a pipeline through and under Parish property located in Sections 31 and 32, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6227 of 2022, an ordinance to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6228 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for North Louisiana Crime Lab in Caddo Parish and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

There being no one to speak in favor or against the ordinances, the President closed the public hearing on ordinances.

**ORDINANCES (For Final Passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *that Ordinance No. 6224 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$6,000 to provide an appropriation for the Greater Shreveport Chamber Foundation and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson asked for clarification regarding this ordinance. Mr. Atkins explained that it is painting the mural on the columns of the bridge that come into Downtown Shreveport.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know the curriculum for the program. Dr. Wilson said that it is a year long program that provides leadership training, as well as business classes.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Ordinance No. 6224 of 2022* be postponed to the May 16 Regular Session.

Mr. Hopkins said that Mr. Jackson asked that this be delayed since he isn't in attendance.

At this time, Mr. Hopkin's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 6226 of 2022, an ordinance to authorize the Administrator to execute a pipeline servitude and right-of-way agreement with Magnolia Midstream Gas Services, LLC, regarding a pipeline through and under Parish property located in Sections 31 and 32, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be amended to reflect the following: that \$6,500 be deducted from the fees collected and be appropriated to WELRA, and the remaining balance be transferred into the Oil & Gas Fund* be adopted.

Mr. Epperson said that about \$33,000 in fees will be collected and would like \$6,500 of those fees be appropriated to WERLA. He said that the animals will be displaced due to the oil and gas company.

At this time, Mr. Epperson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 6226 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH MAGNOLIA MIDSTREAM GAS SERVICES, L.L.C. REGARDING A PIPELINE THROUGH AND UNDER PARISH PROPERTY LOCATED IN SECTIONS 29, 31, AND 32, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo had received a request to grant to Magnolia Midstream Gas Services, L.L.C., a permanent easement and right-of-way (as depicted on Exhibit "A") in Sections 29, 31, and 32, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana to install a pipeline for the transportation of oil, natural gas, other gases, liquids, hydrocarbons or mixtures of the foregoing;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo has reviewed the request and determined it is in the best interest of the Parish of Caddo to approve said request;

WHEREAS, Magnolia Midstream Gas Services, L.L.C. has agreed to pay the Parish for the easement and right of way as well as any damages to the surface of the land; and

WHEREAS, Magnolia Midstream Gas Services, L.L.C., has provided the Parish with a plat showing the final location of the easement and right-of-way and which is attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Parish Administrator or his designated representative shall be and is hereby, authorized to execute an easement and right-of-way for the installation of a pipeline as depicted on Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT \$6,500.00 will be deducted from the fees collected for this easement and will be appropriated to WERLA; the remaining fees will be transferred to the Oil & Gas Fund. (Appropriations to be made via separate ordinance where appropriate.)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Young, *that Ordinance No. 6227 of 2022, an ordinance to deem property surplus and authorize the sale of surplus property owned by the Parish of Caddo and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6227 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO DEEM PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PARISH OF CADDO AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo owns equipment that is no longer being used;

WHEREAS, that equipment is enumerated in the attached Exhibits A-I;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo no longer needs the above equipment, and said equipment should be deemed surplus, obsolete or unused for present and future parish needs;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is authorized to dispose of certain supplies, materials, and equipment determined to be surplus;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo desires to dispose of the above-listed equipment by public auction; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission concurs in the finding that the items described above are surplus and are no longer needed for public purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal, and regular session convened that the property itemized in Exhibits A-I is no longer needed for parish public purposes and is declared surplus property which is to be disposed of by public auction.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the items described above are being offered on an "as is" basis, without warranty of title or recourse whatsoever.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all contracts and other documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 6228 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues for the American Rescue Plan Fund to provide an appropriation for North Louisiana Crime Lab in Caddo Parish and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be amended that the funding come from vaccination coordination only and *be adopted*.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to adopt Ordinance No. 6228 of 2022 as is*.

Mr. Johnson said that this came from the American Rescue Plan Committee, but there was not a quorum to vote on it. He said that there will be some proposed projects that will not meet the

eligibility requirements, so there will be some funds freed up. He said that the Crime Lab had significant lost revenues.

Mr. Burrell said that the director came and explained to the Committee that this was a one-time request until they could identify a more reliable source of revenue.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know how the Crime Lab would sustain itself going forward. Mr. Burrell said that the Crime Lab will be looking at other ways to generate revenue. Mr. Epperson then wanted to know if any other entities will be funding the Crime Lab. Dr. Wilson said that the City of Shreveport and State of Louisiana will be providing them with funding.

**Amendment from Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that the Green Infrastructure funds be replenished first with American Rescue Plan dollars if projects are ineligible to receive funding.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 6228 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR NORTH LOUISIANA CRIME LAB IN CADDO PARISH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the North Louisiana Crime Lab main operating revenue is generated from Court Cost; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Court Cost revenue have significantly decreased, and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate \$90,000 to provide revenue replacement for the North Louisiana Crime Lab; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to reallocate funds from the vaccine coordination and green infrastructure appropriation to fund the \$90,000; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2022 budget for the American Rescue Plan Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the American Rescue Plan Fund for the year 2022 be amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b><u>American Rescue Plan Fund</u></b>	
Vaccination Coordination	(\$40,000)
Green Infrastructure	(\$50,000)
North LA Crime Lab	\$90,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Green Infrastructure funds will be replenished first with American Rescue Plan dollars if projects are ineligible to receive funding.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 6229 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund and the Oil and Gas Fund for the year 2022 to provide an appropriation for the construction of the YMCA Baseball Complex and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*



## WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Work Session Minutes from May 2, 2022 be ratified.* Motion carried.

### RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *that Resolution No. 26 of 2022, a resolution urging and requesting the Louisiana Legislature to allow local planning and zoning issues to be resolved by local governing entities and opposing legislation to the contrary and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (9). NAYS: Commissioner Hopkins (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW LOCAL PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED BY LOCAL GOVERNING ENTITIES AND OPPOSING LEGISLATION TO THE CONTRARY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 has given zoning authority exclusively to local governments in Article VI, §17; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, consistent with this fundamental constitutional authority, has provided further zoning authority to local governments via state statute; and

WHEREAS, home rule charter parishes have all authority to regulate local matters not denied to them by state law and per the state constitution and that authority cannot be infringed upon by the legislature; and

WHEREAS, proposed HB 962 of 2022 would infringe upon the rights of local governments to zone given them by their charters, current law and the state constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission believes that local governments should be allowed to resolve planning and zoning enforcement concerns without state involvement/intervention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it does hereby go on record as opposing legislation such as HB 962 of 2022 as being violative of the state constitution and urge and request that said legislation not become law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to all members of the Caddo Parish legislative dedication and to the Speaker of the House.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that Resolution No. 27 of 2022, a resolution ordering and calling a special election to authorize the renewal of special taxes and the issuance of general obligation bonds; making application to the state bond commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith be adopted.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF SPECIAL TAXES AND THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 and Article VI, Section 33 thereof, Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022**, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 6  
(LIBRARY MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 4.74 mills on all property subject to taxation in Caddo Parish (an estimated \$8,824,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033 (the "Tax"), for the purpose of acquiring, equipping, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating (including acquisition of library books, material and equipment) the public library system, including branches thereof, in and for said Parish?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 6  
(LIBRARY/CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 4.66 mills on all property subject to taxation in Caddo Parish (an estimated \$8,675,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033 (the "Tax"), with (i) 4.21 mills dedicated to maintaining and operating (including acquisition of library books, materials and equipment) the public library system, including branches thereof, in and for said Parish and (ii) 0.45 mills dedicated to the payment of mandated costs of the Criminal Justice System?

PROPOSITION NO. 3 OF 6  
(DETENTION FACILITIES/CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish") be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 5.52 mills on all property subject to taxation in Caddo Parish (an estimated \$10,276,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033 (the "Tax"), with (i) 5.10 mills dedicated to maintaining, equipping and operating Parish Detention Facilities and (ii) 0.42 mills dedicated to the payment of mandated costs of the Criminal Justice System?

PROPOSITION NO. 4 OF 6  
(PUBLIC WORKS/CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 5.96 mills on all property subject to taxation in Caddo Parish (an estimated \$11,096,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033 (the "Tax"), for the purpose of maintaining, operating and repairing roadways, bridges, garbage disposal and industrial waste facilities, surface water drains and drainage facilities and payment of mandated costs of the Criminal Justice System?

PROPOSITION NO. 5 OF 6  
(PUBLIC HEALTH/CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 1.30 mills on all property subject to taxation in Caddo Parish (an estimated \$2,421,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033 (the "Tax"), with (i) 1.09 mills dedicated to maintaining and operating public health units, mosquito and rodent control units, and animal control facilities throughout the whole of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and (ii) 0.21 mills dedicated to the payment of mandated costs of the Criminal Justice System?

PROPOSITION NO. 6 OF 6 (BOND)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), incur debt and issue bonds not exceeding \$20,000,000, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 20 years from the date thereof, with interest at a rate not exceeding 8% per annum, for the purpose of the expansion and renovation of the Walter B. Jacobs Nature Park and other capital improvements, together with acquiring all necessary land, equipment and furnishings, which bonds will be general obligations of the Parish and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with no estimated increase in the millage rate to be levied in the first year of issue above the 1.50 mills currently being levied to pay General Obligation Bonds of the Parish?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the Parish once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Government Plaza Chambers, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022, at THREE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (3:30) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Parish will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Clerk of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Clerk of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Caddo Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Caddo Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes and to issue, sell and deliver the bonds provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application. By virtue of applicant/issuer's

application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

**SECTION 9. Confirmation of Employment of Bond Counsel.** This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work in connection with the issuance of general obligation bonds and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. The Assistant Parish Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto as Exhibit B. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Assistant Parish Administrator is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of this Governing Authority.

**SECTION 10. Confirmation of Appointment of Municipal Advisor.** The Issuer hereby confirms the retention of Government Consultants, Inc., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to act as its Municipal Advisor ("MA") pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Issuer hereby acknowledges that it is represented by the MA and will rely upon the advice of the MA with respect to the Bonds. The fee to be paid the MA shall be payable solely from the proceeds of the Bonds when and if issued, and the amount thereof shall be subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission. The Assistant Parish Administrator is hereby authorized and directed, in her discretion, to execute any contract the MA may require with respect to the engagement.

**SECTION 11. Declaration of Official Intent.** Prior to the delivery of the Bonds, the Governing Authority anticipates that it may pay a portion of the costs of the projects from the General Fund. The projects include those purposes set forth in the proposition herein. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer reasonably expects to reimburse any such expenditures of other available funds from a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds. Any such allocation of proceeds of the Bonds for reimbursement will be with respect to capital expenditures (as defined in Reg. 1.150-1(b)) and will be made upon the delivery of the Bonds and not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date such expenditure was paid or (ii) the date on which the project was placed in service. This Section is intended to be a declaration of official intent within the meaning of Reg. 1.150-2.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAIN:
Todd Hopkins	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Lyndon B. Johnson	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Steven Jackson	_____	_____	<u>  X  </u>	_____
John-Paul Young	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Roy A. Burrell	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Steffon D. Jones	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Stormy Gage-Watts	_____	_____	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Jim Taliaferro	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
John E. Atkins	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mario Chavez	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Ed Lazarus	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Ken Epperson, Sr.	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of May, 2022.

/s/ Jeff Everson  
President

/s/ John E. Atkins

Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), on May 5, 2022, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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PROPOSITION NO. 4 OF 6  
(PUBLIC WORKS/CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MILLAGE RENEWAL)

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Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of 1.30 mills on all property subject to taxation in Caddo Parish (an estimated \$2,421,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033 (the "Tax"), with (i) 1.09 mills dedicated to maintaining and operating public health units, mosquito and rodent control units, and animal control facilities throughout the whole of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and (ii) 0.21 mills dedicated to the payment of mandated costs of the Criminal Justice System?

PROPOSITION NO. 6 OF 6  
(BOND)

Shall Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), incur debt and issue bonds not exceeding \$20,000,000, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 20 years from the date thereof, with interest at a rate not exceeding 8% per annum, for the purpose of the expansion and renovation of the Walter B. Jacobs Nature Park and other capital improvements, together with acquiring all necessary land, equipment and furnishings, which bonds will be general obligations of the Parish and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with no estimated increase in the millage rate to be levied in the first year of issue above the 1.50 mills currently being levied to pay General Obligation Bonds of the Parish?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Caddo, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$50,750.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Government Plaza Chambers, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022, at THREE-THIRTY O'CLOCK (3:30) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Shreveport, Louisiana, on this, the 5th day of May, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/ John E. Atkins  
President

/s/ Jeff Everson  
Clerk

**EXHIBIT "B"**

**ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

May 5, 2022

Ms. Erica Bryant, Asst. Administrator  
Caddo Parish Commission  
Shreveport, Louisiana

Re: Proposed General Obligation Bonds of Caddo  
Parish, Louisiana

Dear Ms. Bryant:

The purpose of this engagement letter is to set forth certain matters concerning the role we will serve and the legal services we will provide as bond counsel to the Caddo Parish Commission (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance of the captioned bonds (the "Bonds"). We understand that the Bonds will be issued for the purpose (the "Project") described in the resolution adopted by the Caddo Parish

Commission (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Issuer, on May 5, 2022.

As bond counsel, we will prepare and submit to the Governing Authority for adoption all of the legal proceedings required for the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds and provide advice of a traditional legal nature as to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Our job is principally to render certain opinions to the Issuer regarding (i) the validity of the Bonds under applicable Louisiana law, (ii) the exemption of interest paid on the bonds from federal and/or state taxes, and (iii) other matters as may be applicable. The bond opinion will be based on facts and law existing as of its date. In rendering such opinion, we will rely upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and other persons furnished to our firm without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation, and we will assume continuing compliance by the Issuer with applicable laws and other resolutions relating to the Bonds. During the course of this engagement, we will rely upon the staff of the Issuer and the members of the Governing Authority to provide us with complete and timely information on all developments pertaining to any aspect of the Bonds.

In our engagement as bond counsel, we will:

- Confer with members of the working group, including you and other officials of the Issuer, relating to the Project and review legal issues relating to the structure of the Bond issue;
- Prepare the Issuing Bond Resolution and all related financing documents (collectively, the "Bond Documents");
- Attend meetings of the Governing Authority at which the Bond Documents are adopted;
- Prepare the application for approval of the issuance of the Bonds by the State Bond Commission and attend the State Bond Commission meeting at which such approval will be considered;
- Review any insurance policy in the event the Issuer determines that the Bonds will have credit enhancement;
- Prepare the closing index and various closing certificates, including the Tax Compliance Certificate, and supervise the execution of certain closing documents by the various parties thereto;
- Prepare and file Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, as required by Federal law;
- Prepare the Bonds and supervise their execution and authentication,
- Prepare complete transcripts of record covering the issuance of the Bonds and furnishing the transcripts to various parties in connection therewith; and
- Submit applicable post-closing reports to the State Bond Commission.

Our fee as bond counsel is based upon the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing, the services provided, and the responsibilities assumed; however, our fee will not exceed that permitted by guidelines set forth by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana and is subject to his approval. Our fee as bond counsel is a "contingent fee," meaning you are required to pay for our legal services only in the event the Bonds are actually sold and delivered. Other vendors or members of the working group may charge additional fees or costs for their services.

In addition to our services provided as bond counsel, you have requested that we prepare an official statement with respect to the sale of the Bonds in coordination with the working group. The costs associated with the preparation of the official statement will be invoiced separately from our fee as bond counsel as approved by the State Bond Commission.

We will continue to serve as bond counsel until the delivery of the Bonds; however, the Issuer and our firm each have the right to terminate this engagement at any time after providing reasonable advanced written notice, subject to the applicable rules of professional responsibility. Upon conclusion or termination of our representation of the Issuer, papers and property furnished by the Issuer will be returned promptly upon request.

Please note that we are not municipal advisors, and we do not render financial advice or other financial services to the Issuer; however, in the course of providing traditional legal services, we may provide factual information to the Issuer that is not specifically tailored to the Bonds or that does not rise to the level of a recommendation concerning a course of action. We will, however, analyze and advise the Issuer regarding the legal ramifications of the structure, timing, terms and other provisions of the Bonds,

as these functions are essential to developing a plan of finance.

On behalf of the Issuer, you have represented to us that in connection with the issuance of the Bonds the Issuer is represented by, and with respect to financial matters will rely on the advice of, Government Consultants, Inc., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a registered municipal advisor under the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. By obtaining such representation from you, our firm is not a municipal advisor and is not subject to the fiduciary duty established in Section 15B(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Applicable ethical rules in Louisiana prohibit us from undertaking this representation if we represent another party that is directly adverse to the Issuer or if there is a significant risk that other considerations will materially limit our representation of the Issuer. As you are aware, our firm represents the State of Louisiana and many other political subdivisions, including others in Caddo Parish. At this time, we do not believe any other current or past engagement of our firm adversely affects our ability to represent the Issuer as provided in this letter; however, we invite you to discuss any concerns you have with us.

In the interest of facilitating our services to you, we may (i) send documents, information or data electronically or via the Internet or (ii) store electronic documents or data via computer software applications hosted remotely or utilize cloud-based storage. Confidential electronic documents or data of the Issuer may be transmitted or stored using these methods. We may use third party service providers to store or transmit these documents or data. In using these electronic communication and storage methods, we employ reasonable efforts to keep such communications, documents and data secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards; however, the Issuer recognizes and accepts that we have no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications, documents or data once it has been transmitted or if it has been subject to unauthorized access while stored, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by us or by our third party service providers. By acceptance of this letter, the Issuer consents to our use of these electronic devices and applications and submission of confidential client information to or through third party service providers during this engagement.

If this letter is acceptable to the Issuer, please so indicate by executing below and returning a copy to us, retaining an original for your files. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the Issuer and look forward to working with you.

**FOLEY & JUDELL, L.L.P.**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**C. GRANT SCHLUETER, PARTNER**

**ACCEPTED AND APPROVED:  
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA**

BY:  
**NAME: ERICA BRYANT  
TITLE: ASST. ADMINISTRATOR**

**DATED: MAY 5, 2022**

cc: Government Consultants, Inc.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *that Resolution No. 28 of 2022, a resolution to authorize the acceptance of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire* be adopted.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Jones, *to englobo and adopt the following items:*

- *Resolution No. 28 of 2022, a resolution to authorize the acceptance of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire*
- *Resolution No. 29 of 2022, a resolution urging and requesting the Temporary Caddo Parish Planning Commission & Zoning Board to recommend an increase to the limits within which notice of public hearings on subdivision and zoning applications is required, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Resolution No. 30 of 2022, a resolution urging the State Legislature to amend the sentence for assault by drive-by shooting, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *appoint Julie Gilley to the Ward II Industrial Board to fill the unexpired term vacated by Mr. Marty Wooldridge.*

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes:



AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lazarus, Taliaferro, and Young (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts and Jackson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is required to complete the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire which addresses the Commission’s compliance with various State and Federal laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the questionnaire, the questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the Commission by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting; and

WHEREAS, the completed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument must be presented to the Commission’s auditor at the beginning of the audit which is anticipated to begin in April 2022; and

WHEREAS, the questionnaire has been completed and is now hereby presented for adoption; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, in due, legal and regular session convened, hereby accepts the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as presented and accepts full responsibility for the Commission’s compliance with the laws and regulations addressed by the questionnaire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions; items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolution or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAIN:
Todd Hopkins	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Lyndon B. Johnson	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Steven Jackson	_____	_____	<u>  X  </u>	_____
John-Paul Young	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Roy A. Burrell	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Steffon D. Jones	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Stormy Gage-Watts	_____	_____	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Jim Taliaferro	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
John E. Atkins	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mario Chavez	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Ed Lazarus	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Ken Epperson, Sr.	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of May, 2022.

/s/ Jeff Everson  
Clerk

/s/ John E. Atkins  
President

**RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE TEMPORARY CADDO PARISH PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD TO RECOMMEND AN INCREASE TO THE LIMITS WITHIN WHICH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON SUBDIVISION AND ZONING APPLICATIONS IS REQUIRED, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the current Caddo Parish UDC requires notice of public hearings on zoning and subdivision applications to be mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of the property in question; and

WHEREAS, the specified area is too limited, as the zoning and subdivision applications will affect property further than 300 feet of the property in question; and

WHEREAS, sending notice to more property owners will ensure that they are aware of pending changes and will have the right to speak at hearings on zoning or subdivision applications that will affect their property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, urges and requests the Temporary Caddo Parish Planning and Zoning Commission to recommend the following change to the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code:

**15.2 – NOTICE**

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C. Mailed Notice

1. General Requirements

- a. Written notice will be mailed by the Executive Director no less than 15 and no more than 30 days in advance of the scheduled hearing date to all property owners within ~~300~~1500 feet of the property line of the subject property. The notice must include the date, time, place, and purpose of such hearing, the name of the applicant, and the address of the subject property. When a zoning map amendment is proposed by the ~~Metropolitan~~ Planning Commission or the Parish Commission, notification must also be mailed to the owner of the subject property.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE SENTENCE FOR ASSAULT BY DRIVE-BY SHOOTING, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, there has been a surge in gun violence in the United States since 2020; and WHEREAS, more and more children are becoming victims of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in the City Shreveport and Parish of Caddo, drive-by shootings resulting in the tragic deaths of children have increased.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to amend the sentence under RS. 14:37.1., Assault by Drive-By Shooting, from:

not less than one year nor more than five years, with or without hard labor, and without benefit of suspension of sentence," to "not less than five years nor more than ten years at hard labor, and without benefit of suspension of sentence."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to all members of the Parish's state legislative delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the

application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

### **COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS**

- Mr. Hopkins announced that the Long-Range Planning Committee will meet on Monday, May 16 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss zoning in the unincorporated areas of the Parish.
- Mr. Atkins asked for an update on the Temporary Planning & Zoning Board. Attorney Frazier explained that the Temporary Parish Planning & Zoning Commission have already met and set their schedule for the upcoming meetings.
- Mr. Burrell asked that Administration schedule an informational meeting for the members of the Broadband Committee. He also requested an update on the orphan wells in Caddo Parish.
- Mr. Epperson suggested that the lady who spoke during Citizens Comments on Monday join the Juvenile Justice Citizens Advisory Committee.

He also talked about the comment made during Monday's Work Session with regards to Bill Cockrell Park. Mr. Atkins acknowledged him and said that it was indeed a nice park.

- The Commission Clerk reminded the Commissioners to file their Personal Financial Disclosure forms to the Louisiana Ethics Board by Monday, May 16, 2022.
- Mr. Jones announced that there will be a Better Together Community Rally on Monday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

  
Michelle Nations  
Assistant Commission Clerk

  
John E. Atkins  
President